

## DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

## To-day's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Pinta, Quero Bank, 9000 lbs. halibut, 25,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Estelle S. Nunan, Boston.

Sch. Effie M. Morrissey, Boston.

## To-day's Market.

Board of Trade prices: large handline Georges cod, \$3 3-4 per cwt., medium do., \$2 1-2; large trawl Georges, \$3 1-2, medium do., \$2 3-8; handline cod from deck caught east of Cape Sable, \$3 1-2; medium do., \$2 3-8; large trawl bank cod, \$2.75; medium do., \$2 25 large dory handline cod, \$2 7-8, medium do., \$2 3-8.

Splitting prices, large cod, \$2.00; medium do., \$1.25; snapper do., 40 cts.; cusk, \$1.15; snapper do., 40 cts.; haddock, 75 cts.; hake, 95 cts.; pollock, 60 cts.

Outside sale of Georges cod, \$4 1-8 per hundred weight for large and \$2.62 for medium.

Outside sales of bank cod, \$3.70 per cwt. for large and \$2.85 per cwt. for mediums.

Bank halibut, 12 cts per lb. for white and 9 cts. for gray.

Fresh pollock, 65 cts. per cwt.

Salt herring in bulk, \$2.75 per bbl.

## Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Henry M. Stanley, haddocking.

Sch. Ralph F. Hodgdon, haddocking.

Sch. Kearsarge, frozen herring.

Sch. Maggie and May, frozen herring.

Sch. Senator Gardner, frozen herring.

## Boston.

Dec. 7—Ar. sch. Vesta, 7000 cod.

Sch. Emerald, 10,000 cod.

Sch. Jessie, 2000 cod, 500 hake.

Sch. Samoset, 2500 haddock, 1500 cod, 500 hake.

Sch. Carrie F. Roberts, 1500 cod, 500 hake.

Sch. Grace Otis, 4000 haddock, 4000 cod, 7000 hake, 1500 cusk.

Sch. Rose Cabral, 2000 haddock, 6000 cod.

Sch. Harvester, 12,000 haddock, 30,000 cod.

Sch. Alice M. Parsons, 22,000 haddock, 10,000 cod.

Haddock \$2.25 to \$3 25, large cod \$2.10 to \$2.50, small do., \$1.25 to \$1.50, hake \$1, cusk \$1.15.

## Herring News.

Capt. Wilson Spinney of sch. Pinta reports speaking schs. Tacoma, Annie Greenlaw and Preceptor on Quero Bank.

## Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Valkyrie will go to Bay of Islands, N. F., for a second cargo of salt herring under command of Capt. Angus Hines.

Sch. Richard Lester of this port was at Rockland, Me., on Tuesday of this week. She will resume her trip from that place.

## Fine Fares.

Sch. Kentucky, Capt. Elroy Prior, arrived from the Cape Shore this morning with a big fare, 30,000 pounds of haddock, 35,000 pounds of cod and 10,000 pounds of other fresh fish. The fish were right alive and one of the finest fares which has been taken out here this season. Capt. Prior has a happy faculty of bringing along nice trips just when they are needed.

He reports coming across the Bay of Fundy during Tuesday night's gale, but did not have it extra heavy.

Sch. Commonwealth, Capt. Olver Olsen, from Quero, deck handlining trip, has a fine fare, the best of the season, 100,000 pounds of salt cod. The vessel had the Tuesday night gale heavily, but came through it all right.

## Has Fine Herring.

Sch. Iolanthe has secured 400 barrels of good sized shore herring off Ipswich, which have been salted and will be brought here in the vessel within a week. The Iolanthe was not damaged by going ashore on the flats Tuesday night.

## LOBSTER AS A FENCER.

## His Skill Shows He Must Have Had Previous Experience.

That fencing is a pastime among lobstermen I have no doubt, from some little experience I have had with them. Once I found a lobster near low water in a pool some nine feet long and six wide, having a rough bottom and eight or ten inches of water on it, with a cavern at each end. Although I was armed with a crab hook or iron gaff about three feet long, the extreme daring and fencing of the lobster were too much for me to grapple with. When in the deeper caverns, I found it could see me through the water as plainly as I could see it, so that here the better constructed eyes of the genus homo had no advantage over the rough, hard stalk eyes of the crustacean; and as I could not get to gaff across it every effort I made was evaded. At last, however, by more vigorous and energetic gaffing I made the cavern so uncomfortable for the lobster that like a lightning flash it darted between my legs and into the lesser cavern. Here the same game went on with like results, for in a moment he was again between my legs and back into his old haunt.

Finally, becoming tired of gaming and missing (for its fencing was perfect and could not have been achieved without long practice) I declined to be beaten by a mere crustacean and proceeded to bail out the pool. It was only by this effort that I eventually conquered it. And here I must confess that throughout the battle so deft, crafty and subtle were its actions that it was like fighting a being endowed with human intelligence.

I have further proof that they manifest a severe martial spirit in the sea when hunting for food. It is nothing uncommon for a fisherman, when drawing up his traps in the morning, to find the large claws of another lobster in the pot beside the prisoner. And there have been instances when three large claws have been found together under the above conditions and a lobster with one arm as a prisoner, showing that in a recent fight the victor had lost one and the vanquished both its arms. But these are only trifles compared with what the late Sir Isaac Coffin saw on the coast of Nova Scotia, for it is given on his authority that he once witnessed a terrible battle between two armies of lobsters and that they fought with such fury that the shore was strewn with their claws.—Contemporary Review.

## Record Catch.

On her recent trip, the steamer New England, Capt. Hans Joyce, engaged in the Pacific halibut fishery, made the record catch for the time. There was but one day of fine weather and that was all the fishing that was done. Yet in about 20 hours' work, 100,000 lbs. of fish were taken and the steamer had to hurry so much to get away on account of the brewing storm that much tackle had to be cut and the boats rejoined the vessel as soon as possible.

## Big Trip.

Sch. Lucinda I. Lowell, Capt. Douglass McLean, arrived from La Have Bank this morning with a fine fare of 110,000 pounds of fresh fish.

## Halibut Sale.

The fare of sch. Nannie C. Bohlin sold to the New England Fish Co. at 15 cents per pound for white and 11 cents for gray.

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Sch. Susie Hooper, shore, 2000 lbs. fresh cod, 1000 lbs. haddock, 4000 lbs. hake.

Sch. Almeida, shore, 3000 lbs. fresh cod, 1500 lbs. haddock, 6000 lbs. hake.

Sch. Lydia A. Harvey, 2000 lbs. pollock.

Sch. Lucinda I. Lowell, La Have Bank,

80,000 lbs. fresh cod, 80,000 lbs. haddock.

Sch. Vigilant, La Have Bank, 45,000 lbs.

fresh cod, 15,000 lbs. haddock.

Sch. Speculator, La Have Bank, 40,000

lbs. fresh cod, 18,000 lbs. haddock.

Sch. Mannie C. Bohlin, Gully, 5000 lbs.

cod, 60,000 lbs. fresh cod, 6000 lbs. halibut.

Sch. Clara M. Littlefield.

Sch. Ralph Russell, shore, 2000 lbs. fresh

cod, 1500 lbs. halibut, 10,000 lbs. hake,

10,000 lbs. cusk.

Sch. Lawrence Murdoch, Georges, 35,-

000 lbs. cod.

Sch. Corsair, Bay of Islands, N. F., 1200

bbls. salt herring, 30,000 lbs. frozen her-

ring.

Sch. Hattie M. Graham, Bay of Islands,

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Sch. A. S. Caswell, Georges.

Sch. Effie M. Morrissey, haddocking.

## Fishing Fleet Movements.

Schs. Admiral Dewey, for the Banks and Dreadnaught for Bay of Islands, both of this port, arrived at Halifax on Friday

## Boston.

Dec. 10—Ar. sch. Defender, 4000 cod.

Sch. Minerva, 5000 haddock, 5000 cod, 3000 hake.

Sch. Rob Roy, 7500 haddock, 8000 cod, 12,000 hake, 3000 cusk.

Sch. Maud S., 5000 haddock, 2000 cod, 7000 hake.

Sch. Gov. Russell, not reported.

Sch. Emma W. Brown, 12,000 haddock, 4000 cod.

Sch. Philomena Manta, 200 haddock, 3000 cod, 2000 hake.

Sch. Sarah H. Prior, 25,000 haddock, 15,000 cod, 18,000 hake.

Sch. E. C. Hussey, 5000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 5000 hake.

Haddock \$4.15, large cod \$3.20, small do. \$2.50, hake \$1 65, cusk \$1.25.